

#71 Crawford Street,
Newark, N. J.,
Aug. 18, 1942.

Mr. William S. Leath,
Grand Hotel,
78 W. Market St.,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mr. Leath:

I am writing to try and enlist your aid in assisting in a program that I believe is very important at this time. The W. P. A. has been sending a show once a week to Fort Dix, N. J. to the newly inducted Negro Soldiers, who are sent there for the first few days of their induction. The people Mr. Al Tillery and Miss Maude Mills, in whose charge the show is, have appealed to me to assist them in their transportation problem. They have no difficulty securing the talent, all of which is volunteer, but there are no funds for hiring the bus to get them there. If you could see how the Soldiers enjoy the show and what it does for their morale, I know you would be enthusiastic about it. The show is held at the Camp each Tuesday night from 8 to 10 P. M.

I am asking you to appeal to the employees at the Federal Shipbuilding Dry Dock Co. for contributions to help defray the expenses of the bus, the cost is \$29.00 each time the trip is made. If your co-workers are interested and make any donations, I will see to it that the Soldiers are informed by an announcement that the bus was provided by you people. The funds are in my charge and I promise you, they will be used for nothing but the program for the soldiers.

I am going to ask our two Negro Weeklies to carry a weekly account of funds donated and money spent.

Thanking you very much for your cooperation. Will appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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I am sending 1 his letter to Mr. Milleai White in order to have someone on each floor in a position to contact their co-workers. I suggest you three form a committee with which I will be glad to meet at anytime.